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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: AZORES BASE NEGOTIATIONS

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1. IN BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH DCM AND ME EVENING SEPTEMBER 7 FOREIGN MINISTER MEDEIROS FERREIRA RAISED BASE NEGOTIATIONS. SAID HE FELT GOP WAS NOW MAKING PROGRESS WITH AZOREANS. RECENT RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN PS AND PSD AT NATIONAL LEVEL HAD HELPED. NEVERTHELESS IT WOULD STILL TAKE TIME TO REACH A FULL UNDERSTANDING WITH AZOREANS. BEARING IN MIND OUR PROBLEMS WITH THE SENATE AND HIS DESIRE TO REGISTER PROGRESS AT FORTHCOMING MEETING WITH SECRETARY VANCE, THE FOREIGN MINISTER SUGGESTED WE WORK ON A JOINT DECLARATION OR COMMUNIQUE THAT WOULD EXPRESS GOP'S WILLINGNESS TO EXTEND THE BASE AGREEMENT, THEREBY TAKING OFF THE IMMEDIATE PRESSURE AND ALLOWING THE GOP MORE MANEUVERING ROOM WITH THE AZOREANS. I SAID WE TOO HAD CONTEMPLATED SOME KIND OF COMMUNIQUE, OR POSSIBLY EVEN A LETTER. I TOLD FOREIGN MINISTER I HAD THOUGHT OF A LETTER WHICH MADE IT CLEAR THAT GOP POSED NO OBSTACLES TO CONTINUED USE OF THE BASE BY USG, AND THAT CURRENT DISCUSSIONS CONCERNED AID PROGRAMS THAT WOULD FOLLOW A BASE AGREEMENT. FOREIGN MINISTER SAID
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HE HAD IN MIND SOMETHING VERY MUCH LIKE THAT.

2. EARLIER IN THE EVENING I HAD RECEIVED AN INDIRECT MESSAGE FROM AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF LEMOS FERREIRA THAT HE HAD INTENDED TO APPEAL DECISION THAT MILITARY QUID SHOULD BE INFRASTRUCTURE; AIR FORCE PREFERRED EQUIPMENT. LEMOS FERREIRA WISHED TO HAVE MY VIEWS BEFORE APPEALING. I

SENT BACK A MESSAGE THAT EQUIPMENT WOULD BE EASIER FOR US TO
HANDLE IN BASE NEGOTIATIONS THAN INFRASTRUCTURE. I PASSED
THIS INFORMATION ON TO FOREIGN MINISTER WHO SAID HE BELIEVED
MILITARY WOULD EVENTUALLY BE BROUGHT AROUND TO REQUESTING
EQUIPMENT. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD BEEN RECOMMENDING THIS.
THE KEY WAS TO SATISFY THE AZOREANS FIRST, THEREBY RELIEVING
THE MILITARY CONCERNS THAT AZOREANS WOULD CRITICIZE THEM.
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